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FOR A/SY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VICTOR DIKEOS

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: TDY REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF OUR REGULARLY ASSIGNED RSO, JOHN SWAFFORD, STAN BIELINSKI HAS BEEN DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB. IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL HEAVY FLOW OF INVESTIGATIVE AND OTHER PAPERWORK WHICH HE MUST HANDLE, WE HAVE A VERY ACTIVE PHYSICAL SECURITY PROGRAM IN COUNTRY WHICH REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF SUPERVISION BY A PROFESSIONAL SECURITY OFFICER. WE HAVE A NEWLY ASSIGNED MARINE GUARD DETACHMENT IN CASABLANCA AND HAVE RECENTLY HIRED A REPLACEMENT BODYGUARD FOR MY PROTECTIVE DETAIL. THIS REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE TRAINING. THE COMING MONTH IS GOING TO BE A VERY BUSY ONE FOR WHOEVER SUPERVISES THE SECURITY PROGRAM.

2. BIELINSKI IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR DAMASCUS END OF WEEK. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT JOHN SWAFFORD WILL NOT BE RETURNING TO POST UNTIL SEPT. 1. IN THE MEANTIME SEVERAL KEY SENIOR EMBASSY PERSONNEL WILL BE AWAY ON LEAVE AND I WILL BE LEANING HEAVILY ON DAVE L'HEUREUX, MY ADMIN COUNSELOR, TO FILL IN AS NEEDED. HE WILL THEREFORE NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO DEVOTE TO SECURITY PROGRAM.

3. ON BASIS OF FOREGOING, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT
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EITHER BIELINSKI BE AUTHORIZED TO REMAIN IN RABAT UNTIL

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SWAFFORD'S RETURN, OR THAT ANOTHER SECURITY OFFICER BE DETAILED TO RABAT TO KEEP THE SECURITY PROGRAM UP TO SNUFF FOR THIS PERIOD. IF IT WERE ANY OTHER TIME, WE COULD HOLD THE FORT. HOWEVER, THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS GOING TO BE VERY TIGHT AND I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT SECURITY WILL NO BE RECEIVING THE ATTENTION THAT IS NEEDED TO KEEP UP TRAINING, INVESTIGATIONS AND GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE COUNTRY-WIDE PROGRAM.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST AS BIELINSKI SCHEDULED DEPART FRIDAY, JULY 30.
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